

we made adjustments to NV to account for differences in the physical characteristics of the merchandise sold in the U.S. and comparison market, in accordance with section 773(a)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.411.

Currency Conversion

Pursuant to section 773A(a) of the Act, we made currency conversions into U.S. dollars based on the exchange rates in effect on the dates of the U.S. sales as certified by the Federal Reserve Bank.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average margin exists for the period September 1, 2001, through August 31, 2002:

Manufacturer/Exporter	Margin (percent)
POSCO/Changwon/ Dongbang	1.77

We will disclose the calculations used in our analysis to parties to this proceeding within five days of the publication date of this notice. See 19 CFR 351.224(b). Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. See 19 CFR 351.310(c). If requested, a hearing will be held 44 days after the date of publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 7 days after the deadline for filing case briefs. Interested parties are invited to comment on the preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue, (2) a brief summary of the argument and (3) a table of authorities. Further, the parties submitting written comments should provide the Department with an additional copy of the public version of any such comments on a diskette. The Department will issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, within 120 days from the publication date of this notice.

Assessment Rate

Upon completion of this administrative review, the Department will determine, and the BCBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. For CEP sales, since the respondent reported the entered values and importer for these sales, we

will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping margins calculated for the examined sales to the entered value of sales used to calculate those duties. Where the importer-specific assessment rate is above *de minimis*, we will instruct the BCBP to assess the importer-specific rate uniformly on all entries made during the POR. For EP sales, since the respondent did not report the entered value for these sales, we have calculated exporter-specific per-unit duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping margins calculated for the examined sales to the quantity corresponding to the sales used to calculate those duties. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to the BCBP within 15 days of publication of the final results of review.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of these final results for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of these final results of administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the reviewed companies will be the rate listed above (except that if the rate is *de minimis*, i.e., less than 0.5 percent, a cash deposit rate of zero will be required); (2) for previously investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be the "all others" rate of 5.77 percent, which is the "all others" rate established in the LTFV investigation (*see Amended Final Determination*). These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation

of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of the antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(I)(1) of the Act.

Dated: September 30, 2003.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from The Republic of Korea: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 7, 2003.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Dongkuk Steel Mill Corporation Ltd. ("DSM"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on steel concrete reinforcing bar ("rebar") from the Republic of Korea (Korea). The period of review ("POR") is January 30, 2001 through August 31, 2002.

As discussed below, the Department collapsed DSM and Korea Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. ("KISCO") into a single entity for purposes of this administrative review. We preliminarily determine that DSM/KISCO made sales at less than normal value during the POR. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of review, we will instruct the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection ("BCBP") to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the United States Price ("USP") and normal value ("NV"). Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Johns or Mark Manning at (202) 482-2305 or (202) 482-5253, respectively, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group